



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 16, 2011

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administration Division, Fire Department

SUBJECT: Approval Of Equipment Standardization For The Fire Operations Division

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council find it to be in the City's best interest to approve standardizing Lion turnout suits for the Fire Operations Division during the next five-year period, ending June 30, 2016, and waive the formal bidding process in accordance with Section 4.52.070 (I) of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code.

DISCUSSION:

City firefighters don frontline turnout suits (coats and pants) continuously throughout their duty shifts causing these components of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to wear out and need replacing on a regular basis. Staff recommends that Council approve standardizing this equipment in the interest of consistency and safety. Doing so will ease the burden when re-ordering, speed the process, improve safety and minimize the training time spent concerning this PPE.

The Fire Department has been using these items during the past 5 years. These turnout suits meet the department's specifications for functionality and durability, safety and performance. Attachment 1 lists the specific turnout coats and pants that would be used. A typical set currently costs approximately \$1900 with tax, and in a typical year we would expect to replace approximately twelve sets.

There is only one exclusive dealer and distributor for Lion turnout suits in California, Allstar Fire Equipment, Inc., as demonstrated by the letter in Attachment 2. Staff believes it is in the City's best interest to designate Allstar Fire Equipment, Inc. as the sole source vendor for this equipment.

Section 4.52.070 (I) of the Municipal Code authorizes Council to purchase supplies, equipment and services without complying with the formal bid procedure when it is found to be in the best interests of the City. Staff recommends that Council approve the attached

list of equipment and allow staff to use Allstar Fire Equipment, Inc. as this equipment's sole source vendor for the Fire Department for a period of five years.

ATTACHMENT(S): 1. Equipment List
2. Letter from Lion Apparel, Inc.

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SUBMITTED BY: Andrew DiMizio, Fire Chief

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office

Fire Department - Approved Standard Equipment		August 16, 2011
No.	Equipment	
1	Lion/Janesville CVFM-K7 Brass Fusion V-Force Turnout Coat	
2	Lion/Janesville PVFM-K7 Brass Fusion V-Force Turnout Pants	



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April 1, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm, Allstar Fire Equipment Company is our exclusive dealer and distributor for Lion Apparel in the state of California for Janesville® and Bodyguard® products.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be further service.

Sincerely,

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